

## The News.

The Grant Monument Fund now amounts to over \$65,000.

The limit of letter-carrier's leave of absence has been fixed at fifteen days a year.

Twelve percent of the London policemen are said to be reliable Christian men.

Mrs. Emma Markley, the Philadelphia champion fat woman, has died. She weighed 700 pounds.

The President has been called upon for troops from the Governor of Wyoming to suppress the attack upon Chinamen at Rock Springs.

The Prohibitionists closed their convention at Harrisburg, Penn., on Aug. 25, by nominating, by acclamation, Barr Spangler, of Marietta, for State Treasurer.

The farmers of Georgia are reported to have asked the Governor of that State to appoint a day of thanksgiving "for their good crops and prospects of a bountiful harvest."

The harvest of small grains in southwest Dakota and adjoining counties of Nebraska and Iowa is the largest ever known. Corn is well advanced and the yield will be immense.

## Worse than Sneak Thieves.

Bands of confidence operators have been recently let loose in various sections of the West and South, to prey upon and annoy the housekeeper. They are generally composed of women, although employed and directed by agents of the other sex, and their method of procedure, as explained by several ladies who have been victimized, is as follows: Obtaining access to the kitchen, they introduce the subject of baking powders, inquiring the kind used in the family. Being shown the can, perhaps a fresh, full one, they volunteer to "test" it to ascertain its qualities. Their "test" consists in placing the can on a hot stove or over a lamp or gas jet, or in mixing the baking powder with water both hot and cold. If the baking powder is good for any thing the heat will of course, expel the gas, which, being amoniacal or carbonic, is apparent to the sense of smell. The claim is then made that this odor indicates something detrimental, although as a matter of fact, a baking powder that would give off no gas when subjected to heat would be without leavening power and valueless. They will also mix the baking powder given them with water. If pure it effervesces quickly. The baking powder they peddle being similarly mixed foams up slowly. This they claim as evidence of superiority, whereas it is the exhibition of a trick only, as this effect is caused by the presence of flower in the baking powder they are peddling, and is sure evidence of adulteration. Of course the object of these fraudulent tricks is to destroy confidence in all other kinds of baking powder, and to sell the particular brand for which the women are traveling.

Were this the whole of the operation, housekeepers would not often be deceived. Every intelligent person knows that baking powder was not made to be used in this way, but in cooking where its action is entirely different from that produced by dry heat or by mixture of water alone. The chief object of this jugglery is to destroy the baking powder given for testing; or by heating it to drive off its leavening gases, and so weaken it that when used it will fail to work. At the next baking there is heavy food, of course, and the "tramp" probably gets the credit of having told the housekeeper a valuable fact, instead of having spoiled her baking powder, as was actually the case. The average "tramp" will, in this way, destroy from fifty to seventy-five pounds of baking powder a day.

A second method of spoiling for use the baking powder in a kitchen where they are not permitted to experiment with it, is by dexterously throwing in the can a small quantity of salt, soda or powdered lime. Again, should there chance to be no baking powder in the house, the operators will produce, of the kind used by the family, a sample that has been purposely adulterated or "doctored" to make such an exhibit as they desire under the so-called test.

The only way to protect our food from being contaminated by tramps of this kind is to turn all persons who wish or attempt to tamper with it unceremoniously from the door, and to use those articles, only, which experience has proved satisfactory, or the official tests have established as pure and wholesome.

James W. Marshall, the discoverer of gold in California, died Aug. 10th, at his home near Placerville, that state. He was seventy-four years old, and died a poverty-stricken and disappointed man.

The New York Republican General Committee has issued a call for Assembly conventions and primaries. A resolution was adopted urging the nomination of Dr. John Swinburne for Governor.

A fraudulent labor agency in Chicago induced four hundred laborers to go to Manitoba with instructions for work on the Canadian Pacific railway, and when they arrived there was no knowledge of any contract.

The Postoffice Department has suggested to the Treasury Department to have the National Board of Health fumigate all mail matter sent from Canada into the United States. This precaution is thought necessary as small-pox is almost epidemic in some parts of Canada.

The Chicago postmaster is just now receiving a good deal of attention from the secular and religious press of the country. He has discontinued the sale of postage stamps in his office on the Sabbath. This is a step taken which is much admired by all Sabbath loving people.

A prominent physician of Athens, Ga., says that he has frequently lately been called in to see young boys suffering with diseased throats, and every case can be traced to cigarette smoking. Many of the youths are in a serious condition, as they are poisoned with arsenic contained in the wrappers.

The Iowa Republicans still prefer Prohibition to local option, and their convention has emphasized it by a vote of 821 to 250. The resolution declares that while prohibition is not a party issue, it has been adopted as the policy of the State by the vote of its citizens, and must be thoroughly tested before it is replaced by any other system of restriction.

A rather novel wedding took place last week on a train on the Sewickley branch of the South West railroad. The contracting parties were conductor David R. Ambrose, of Greensburg, Pa., and Miss Nancy A. Malone of Allegheny county. The attention of the passengers for a short time, was asked by Rev. L. R. Dieffenbacher, who stood in the aisle, and before him stood the contracting parties. The train hands looked on with blank astonishment when the marriage ceremony began, none but the clergyman, bride and groom knowing what was to take place. The ceremony was duly performed, the engine whistled its congratulations to the happy parties, and conductor Ambrose, seating his bride, called out, "Tickets, please," as usual.

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